

National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior

§ 559.5

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§ 559.1 What is the scope and purpose of this part?

(a) The purpose of this part is to ensure that each place, facility, or location where class II or III gaming will occur is located on Indian lands eligible for gaming and that the construction and maintenance of the gaming facility, and the operation of that gaming is conducted in a manner which adequately protects the environment and the public health and safety pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

(b) Each gaming place, facility, or location conducting class II or III gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act or on which a tribe intends to conduct class II or III gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is subject to the requirements of this part.

§ 559.2 When must a tribe notify the Chairman that it is considering issuing a new facility license?

(a) A tribe shall submit to the Chairman a notice that a facility license is under consideration for issuance at least 120 days before opening any new place, facility, or location on Indian lands where class II or III gaming will occur. The notice shall contain the following:

(1) The name and address of the property;

(2) A legal description of the property;

(3) The tract number for the property as assigned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Land Title and Records Offices, if any;

(4) If not maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, a copy of the trust or other deed(s) to the property or an explanation as to why such documentation does not exist; and

(5) If not maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, documentation of the property's ownership.

(b) A tribe does not need to submit to the Chairman a notice that a facility license is under consideration for issuance for occasional charitable events lasting not more than a week.

§ 559.3 How often must a facility license be renewed?

At least once every three years after the initial issuance of a facility license, a tribe shall renew or reissue a separate facility license to each existing place, facility or location on Indian lands where a tribe elects to allow gaming.

§ 559.4 When must a tribe submit a copy of a newly issued or renewed facility license to the Chairman?

A tribe must submit to the Chairman a copy of each newly issued or renewed facility license within 30 days of issuance.

§ 559.5 What must a tribe submit to the Chairman with the copy of each facility license that has been issued or renewed?

(a) A tribe shall submit to the Chairman with each facility license an attestation certifying that by issuing the facility license:

(1) The tribe has identified and enforces the environment and public health and safety laws, resolutions, codes, policies, standards or procedures applicable to its gaming operation;

(2) The tribe is in compliance with those laws, resolutions, codes, policies, standards, or procedures, or, if not in compliance with any or all of the same, the tribe will identify those with which it is not in compliance, and will adopt and submit its written plan for the specific action it will take, within a period not to exceed six months, required for compliance. At the successful completion of such written plan, or at the expiration of the period allowed for its completion, the tribe shall report the status thereof to the Commission. In the event that the tribe estimates that action for compliance will exceed six months, the Chairman must concur in such an extension of the time period, otherwise the tribe will be deemed non-compliant. The Chairman will take into consideration the consequences on the environment and the public health and safety, as well as mitigating measures the tribe may provide in the interim, in his or her consideration of requests for such an extension of the time period.